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Subject: January 2016 Monthly Progress Report, Techalloy

John-I have reviewed the January 2016 Monthly Progress Report for the Tecahlloy Facility in Union, Illinois. I have only one comment.

The Test America Analytical Report notes that at least one of the bottles were broken when they received them. This is the second time in the past couple of months that sample bottles arrived at Test America broken.

Autumwood should note in the progress report what bottles were broken (what sample source and for what analytes) how the lab managed to analyze a sample (presumably the vial containing the extra volume of sample was intact) if the lack of the full sample volume presented a problem for the analysis, and what they plan to do to stop the bottles from breaking in the future.

Autumwood and Techalloy are responsible for ensuring the integrity of their samples. They should have already identified this problem and highlighted how they were planning on dealing with it. This is yet another failure on their part to manage their project.

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